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POUCHED ALL CONSULATES IN CANADA

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SUBJ: CANADA TO ACCEPT ONE THOUSAND LA REFUGEES

1. ACCORDING TO JULY 15 PRESS RELEASE FROM MINISTRY OF
MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION, MINISTER ANDRAS ANNOUNCED THAT
CANADA "IS RESPONDING TO AN URGENT APPEAL BY THE UNITED
NATION HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES ON BEHALF OF ONE
THOUSAND POLITICAL EXILES IN ARGENTINA." RELEASE NOTED
THAT CANADA, SINCE 1973 COUP IN CHILE, HAS ALREADY
ACCEPTED FOUR THOUSAND CHILEAN REFUGEES AND IS PROCESSING NINE
HUNDRED OTHERS. TOTAL WILL BE RAISED TO SIX THOUSAND TO
RESPOND TO UNHCR REQUEST.

2. COMMENT: EMBOFF INQUIRY AT MIN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS REVEALED
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THAT PRESS RELEASE IS GENERALLY CORRECT. ONE THOUSAND

ADDITIONAL REFUGEES WILL NOT, HOWEVER, ALL BE CHILEANS
COMING FROM ARGENTINA. MIN EXTAFF OFFICIALS SAID THAT,
ALTHOUGH "A MAJOR NUMBER" WILL BE CHILEANS NOW
IN ARGENTINA (INCLUDING THOSE NOW IN ASYLUM IN CANADIAN
EMBASSY THERE), SOME WILL BE OTHER-COUNTRY REFUGEES PRESENTLY
LOCATED IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ARGENTINA.
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